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Att: [redacted]

CIA FDB USSR Scr. Sect  
6 January 1948

"Rosenberg Collection"

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1. History of shipments:

- a. Cases #14/1 to 14/382 were apparently received directly by the Library of Congress, or may have been shipped there by Camp Ritchie. Whether these are all there now can not be ascertained without a disproportionately great deal of work, but it is believed that some of them may have been shipped elsewhere in Camp Ritchie days. Library of Congress are of the opinion any such cases are at the GMDS warehouse at Cameron, but GMDS does not have them.
- b. Cases #14/383 to 14/395 were shipped to Library of Congress by GMDS after rough-screening. These are all still there.

2. Operations:

- a. In response to telephoned CIA/FDB instructions of 2 Oct, 1947, cases of the "Rosenberg Collection" were inspected at Library of Congress on 21 October 1947. A CIA team consisting of [redacted] and undersigned was introduced to Messrs. Obaer and Hall of the Library of Congress Processing Department by Lt. R.O. Bussey of the GMDS, and then conducted to "Deck 4" where the "Rosenberg Collection" is stored. Messrs. [redacted] opened and examined five sealed boxes and inspected 5 other boxes which had been opened previously. Contents of the "Rosenberg Collection" were also discussed with Major Seeley of the WDGS (ID).
- b. On October 22, 1947, verbal report was made to CIA (FDB) to the effect that the Intelligence Value of the "Collection" was considered to be extremely low and that it consisted mostly of old books and propaganda material.
- c. In response to request for a written report in somewhat greater detail, [redacted] and undersigned re-visited the Library of Congress on December 30 & 31, 1947, inspected 13 cases in detail and looked into all other cases of the collection that were open, with results as given in Para 3. Findings were discussed briefly with Mr. Bagnall, [redacted]
- d. Major Seeley was re-interviewed on the matter on 31 Dec. and confirmed that a good deal of the Rosenberg material on the USSR was sent back to the Soviet Union in 1945, in the course of the return of national treasures looted by Germany to the various Allied Nations.

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- e. Lt. Bussey was re-interviewed on Jan 5, 1948, and has approved and concurred in this report.

3. Findings:

- a. Rough-screening of 13 cases:

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Contents</u>
14/383	Library Cards of the Rosenberg Book Collection, various photograph-stills of Soviet Motion Pictures.
14/384	Same.
14/385	Correspondence concerning the lending of books, some drafts of activities reports, some photographs of Soviet propaganda material.
14/386	Collection of Communist propaganda material in Romanian, French, Finnish and German.
14/387	Library Cards of the Rosenberg Book collection, photographs of Soviet Life, Polish Telegraph Agency News Reports.
14/388	Soviet propaganda films, correspondence relating to anti-Jewish propaganda, Library Cards of Rosenberg Book Collection.
14/389	French propaganda on Womens' rights, 2 books of anti-Jewish propaganda.
14/390	Anti-religious propaganda (Russian)
14/391	Books on varied subjects, mainly propaganda and manuscript of "A Secret History of Brazil" in about 1,000 pages.
14/392	French and English Communist propaganda.
14/393	"Bildarchiv" -- Mounted photographs of Soviet Life -- Museums, Cities, RR Stations, Political Gatherings, etc. (Approx: 1000 photos).
14/394	International Transport Workers Federation News-Excerpt Bulletins from all kinds of newspapers in French, German, and English.
14/395	Same as 393. (Approx: 1000 photos).

- b. Rough-rescreening of material already spot-checked by GMDS or by our team on 21 Oct.:

Cases were found to contain material as described:

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14/2 Newspapers	14/79 Books
14/5 Newspapers & Magazines	14/83 Books
14/6 Books	14/87 Newspapers
14/10 Newspapers	14/101 Books, Hungarian
14/20 Books	14/102 Newspapers
14/25 Books	14/106 Books
14/27 Books	14/129 Books
14/39 Newspapers	14/145 Newspapers
14/42 Newspapers	
14/51 Books	
14/57 Books	
14/63 Books (Arabic?)	

Note: Approximately 15 other cases which were part of the same collection, but from which the numbers are missing, due to removal of the lids (undersides of boxes not examined) were examined and found to contain similar material.

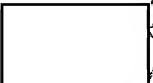
4. Conclusions:

- a. We are dealing here with the remains of the "Rosenberg Collection" after the main parts classified as national art treasures and including the collection on the USSR were returned to the nations concerned.
- b. The material remaining has very low Intelligence interest but is of Historical value and may be of use to Psychological Warfare.

5. Recommendations:

- a. That no further screening action be taken at the present time, as the very low-grade nature of the material (from the Intelligence point of view) does not warrant the time and labor which would be consumed.
- b. That the Library of Congress be requested to advise us when they begin the processing of this collection, so that one man may be detailed to liaison duty with them to secure such material as may be of Intelligence value.
- c. That the Psychological Warfare Branch be informed of the existence, whereabouts, and general nature of this material.
- d. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Library of Congress Processing Section for Messrs. Obaer's & Hall's information and in recognition of their excellent cooperation. (If this is not possible, please advise).

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REMARKS:

Sum total of report:  
Rosenburg Collection at 4/10  
of no present interest  
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See para 5-F-00

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